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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the receipt of a first office action on the merits and therefore in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) a fee of \$180.00, as specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), is believed to be due. Should any additional fees be deemed necessary, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.:01-2508/13137.0049.NPUS00/LWT.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered and made of record in the present case and that the examiner initial the spaces on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 to evidence the same.

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